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For: **EXTERNAL FORCEPS CHANNEL DEVICE FOR ENDOSCOPE**

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Discloses outside tube for endoscope.

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Discloses retaining and fixing method of endoscope,
treatment tool, or indwelling tube and endoscope device.

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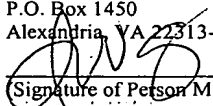
Discloses external channel equipment of the endoscope,
which can use treatment implements, such as forceps.

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